

THE STONE NEWS

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Pastor's Visit with Ken Brechler

"IF YOU LET ME COME BACK ALIVE, GOD, I WILL KNEEL DOWN AND KISS THIS EARTH."

by The Reverend Doctor Ken Henry

Last summer, when I first visited with Ken Brechler, in a hospital room at Kaiser, he said, "I suppose you want to hear my life story." I didn't get to hear too much of it that day, but I always remembered his invitation. So, this past week, I visited Ken at his current residence, *The Atrium*, and listened to him recall his past.

Ken was born on September 2, 1912, in Curlew, Iowa, a town of about 200. He grew up on a farm where his father (Wieland Jacob Benjamin Franklin Brechler) and mother (Pearl) planted corn, hay, and wheat. He graduated from high school (in a class of 10), in 1931, then matriculated to Drake University, where he played basketball for the Drake bulldogs (and this year, has been following the team's success with great enthusiasm).

After college, Ken took a high school coaching and teaching job in Ute, Iowa, for a whopping salary of \$85 a month. He taught social science and math for six years before taking another teaching job in Mapleton, Iowa.



Ken Brechler, high school coach, at left

In 1941, Ken drove a friend to Sioux City, Iowa, to take the Civil Service Examination. Although Ken had not signed up for it, he asked if he could also take the test, thinking,



Ken Henry and Ken Brechler

"Someday I may want to apply for a government job."

In June of 1941, Ken married Mildred Yenter, and that November, he received a telegram from the Dept. of Justice offering him a job in New York City. The pay was \$500 more a month than he was making, and he would be working for the Dept. of Immigration and Naturalization. So, Ken became an inspector and investigator for those wishing to become American citizens and was stationed on Ellis Island.

"Every day, my ferry went right by the Statue of Liberty."

Of course, on December 7, 1941, everything changed – 13 months later he went through basic training and entered the Counter-Intelligence Corp, where he performed a very unusual service for his country in an effort to stop security leaks. Working undercover, in civilian clothing, Ken spoke to servicemen, in the bars of New York, to see if they were disclosing too much about our nation's military secrets.

Later, Ken learned to drive everything from a motorcycle to a Sherman tank. He received training from both the CIA and FBI.

In 1942, Ken was sent into the Pacific Theatre as a counter-intelligence officer. As his troop ship sailed underneath the Golden Gate

Bridge, Ken remembers praying, "If you let me come back alive, God, I will kneel down and kiss this earth." And after being a part of five separate beach landings, being shot at by snipers and strafing fire, and watching friends die in action, in 1945, Ken kept his promise. As he got off the boat in San Diego, he knelt down on the pier and kissed his homeland.

"I don't understand how I survived. War makes you wonder about life. War is hell. No, I think it's worse than hell."

After the war, his work with the Dept. of Justice sent him to Germany, France, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt, Kuwait, Jordan, Iran, and Israel.

"It was a strange feeling to walk around where Christ was and to put my hands up against the wailing wall."

Later on, in 1984, at First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, Ken met Betty Moran, a professor at Santa Clara University. The two quickly became great friends and traveling companions.

"Betty is one of the best ladies I've ever known," he told me. "I still see her twice a week."

Betty and Ken became members of Stone Church of Willow Glen in 1999.

Adult Study: Faith Journeys, El Salvador, General Assembly

The wonderful gift of learning awaits you every Sunday. Stone's Adult Study classes are stimulating, informative and always full of lively and fascinating discussion.

March 30; April 6, 13, 27: Faith Journeys at Stone Church

Each week, a different Stone Church member shares his or her life story, with emphasis on the impact of living within the Stone Church faith community.

- March 30: Carol Campbell
- April 6: Steve Nelson
- April 13: Ken Henry
- April 27: Alice McNelis

April 20: El Salvador Trip Report by South Bay Sanctuary Covenant Group

May 4 - June 15: Introduction to the 2008 General Assembly

Every General Assembly is significant in the life of the PCUSA, and the 218th GA in San Jose on June 21 - 28 will be no exception. Two honorably retired pastors who worship at Stone, Bill Lytle (former moderator of GA) and David Zuverink, will discuss "the ins and outs" of a GA meeting and help us understand how key issues progress from committee debate to vote by the full GA.

The series will include discussion of the moderatorial candidates and

their election process, the election of a new Stated Clerk, a recommended total revision of the Book of Order, the ordination status of gays and lesbians, and other major justice issues to be considered at GA. Volunteer opportunities to assist at GA will also be presented.

The class will be held at the 11:15 am Adult Study time, May 4 - June 15 (except May 18, which is the annual Congregational Meeting), and on consecutive Sunday evenings, May 11 - June 15, at 7:30 pm. Members of the other churches in the Presbytery have been invited to attend the evening classes.

Contact Pat Magee, Adult Education coordinator, if you have any questions.

Church Library: Remembering Judy Dilts & Reading about Ecology

If you poke around our library, you can find some volumes that are treasures.

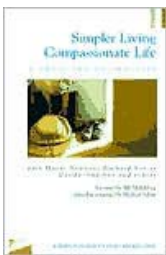
These include two remembrances of our long-time friend Judy Dilts, who passed away on February 28, 2008.

These two treasures are *A Day in September* (YA Dav), a very successful novel she wrote under her maiden name Joyce Davies, and *Rooted in Faith: Women Who Touched the Lives of Others* (Women 248.092 B), containing a brief statement by Judy about her grandmother.

Stop by the library after church or anytime when the office is open.

- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator

New to our special sections:



Simpler Living Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective ed. by Michael Schut (Soc. Iss. 261.8 Sch), from Rhonda Lakatos



Remaking Society: Pathways to a Green Future by Murray Bookchin (Ecol 361.6 Boo)

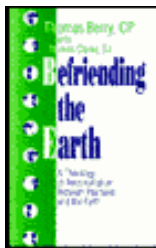
Sharing Nature with Children by Joseph Cornell (Ecol 144 Cor) and



God Is Green: Ecology for Christians by Ian Bradley (Ecol 231.7 Bra) and



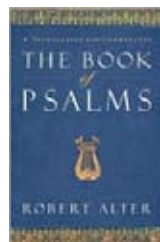
Teaching My Daughter to Mulch: Gardening Meditations by Donna Schaper (Ecol 242 Sch) and



Befriending the Earth: A Theology of Reconciliation Between Humans and the Earth by Thomas Berry (Ecol 261.8 Ber), all four given by Rebecca Kuiken

Additions to our adult side:

The Book of Psalms by Robert Alter (223 Alt), given by Rhonda Lakatos in honor of Marge Palmer



Psalms Anew in Inclusive Language by Nancy Schreck and Maureen Leach (223 Sch), from Betty Moran



Other

Council Fires

Were Here Before Ours: A Classic Native American Creation Story by Jamie Sams and Twylah Nitsch (398.2 Sam)

New books for our younger members:



The Story of the Dream Catcher & Other Native American Crafts by Suzanne Lord (J 745 Lor)

If You Lived with the Iroquois by Ellen Levine (J 970 Lev)



If You Lived with the Sioux Indians by Ann McGovern (J 970 McG)

GOD STUFF

by Rosaleen Zisch, Interim
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Jesus loves me this I know.
As he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee,
Saying, "Let them come to me".

This spring, the Christian Education Children's Subcommittee will be turning Room Four in the basement into a *Sacred Place*.

This labyrinth-type activity will invite the children to take a *Godly Walk*. Following this spiritual practice can help children and adults in their daily lives. The goal is for the walk experience to connect our children to God's presence.

If you are interested in knowing more about this project or in being involved as we create a sacred space, please get in touch with me.

Planning ahead for VCS, Aug 4-8

Vacation Church School, Stone's traditional fun-filled week of Bible Stories, will take place in a different time period this year: August 4 - 8.

The *Rainforest Adventure* will reinforce our church's mission of being *green*. Kate Wheatley will head up the team that creates a unique experience for kids and adults.

During the week, we will have the crafts, games, and music we love, plus hands-on science experiments to help us understand the importance of water. So plan to join us to give, grow, love and praise God under the rainforest canopy this August.

Westminster Woods

A *Christian camp experience* is what helped my children become followers of Jesus Christ. A week in the woods lets kids get in touch with the love of God and where they fit in the great scheme of life.

Once again, we hope many of our

children and youth will take part in one of the summer programs at Westminster Woods. They offer a camp experience for grades 2 to 12, which Stone supports.

Brochures are available in the church office, or to register, go to westminsterwoods.org. For questions, contact Christine Gough, program manager (707-874-2426, ext 615).

Middle School News

The Middle School recently learned about *César Chávez Day of Service & Learning*, which remembers the life and work of César Chávez on March 31. He was a deeply religious man, which is not always pointed out in textbooks. Some of his quotes include: "When people come together who believe in something very strongly - whether it is religion or politics or unions - things happen." ... and ... "The non-violent technique depended on the unfailing assistance of God for its success." Our César Chávez poster is hanging in the stairwell.

The Session welcomed three new members to Stone, at its regular meeting on March 18. Larry Olmstead joins his wife Michelle Chandler and their son Jordan, who

SESSION BEAT

who grew up in this church community.

The Session spent considerable time hearing from Pastor Ken Henry about his process of selling a home in Eugene, Oregon, and getting housing in San Jose. In the high-cost housing market here, finance is a primary concern. To that end, the Session established a shared equity fund to be a permanent revolving fund for use of future pastors, as well as for Ken and his wife Heather. The Session also authorized Stone to enter into a shared equity agreement with Ken and family, "the agreement to be properly and legally structured as required by the policies of the San

Jose Presbytery." Session voted to retain Lynn Stutz, Attorney at Law, and member of Stone, to handle all legal services. Lynn's work is a gift to Stone Church.

A second major discussion concerned a possible proposal for funding to train leaders of a Stephen Ministry. Stone had a Stephen Ministry in the past, but the Session had not yet had a formal discussion of whether to reinstate the program. Some members were unsure of whether there was congregational support for the program. It is known that there are several Stone church members who have been trained as Stephen Ministers and who very much want the program brought back. In the end, Session voted to have conversations in the congregation about re-establishing the Ministry, and to postpone consideration of the grant application until there are answers about congregational support.

Finally, the Buildings and Grounds committee was asked to identify additional handicapped parking spots.

- Alice Thorn

LEND A HAND AT GA

For a complete, list of job descriptions needed at June's General Assembly, and an easy signup procedure if you have internet access, go to pcusa-ga08.org. If you prefer a hardcopy form, see Bill Lakatos, Stone's Local Church Contact. More details will be published in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



Sue Williams and Rev. Lee Hayward, whom we welcomed as a guest minister at Stone in March.

Church & World now “Stone Works” to Embody All That We Do

Last month, the Church & World Committee asked the Session to approve a change to its name. The new name is *Stone Works*. The name comes from James 2:26:

For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

The purpose of this committee is to serve as the congregation’s driving force for mission. And the works of a congregation *are* its mission projects. We feel the name *Stone Works* truly embodies this idea.

Bike to Church Day!

As a way to encourage you to go green and get healthy, *Stone Works* wants you to get out of your car, get on your bike and ride to church. Come one, come all, come young, come old – bicycling is for everyone!

Stone Works also needs volunteers for this event. Interested in helping? Contact Jonathan Miller. The date will be announced in the church bulletin very soon.

Sacred Heart Hygiene Kits Needed

Every week, hundreds of people come to Sacred Heart Community Service. While a few are truly homeless, most just need help getting through the month. One item frequently requested

is a *hygiene kit*. A hygiene kit, unlike a *survival sack*, is a supplement for those on limited funds – a baggie containing a toothbrush, razor, small or travel-size toothpaste, soap, lotion, and shampoo. The kits, when requested, are given out with food packages. All too often, there are no kits to give. Could *you* help with this ongoing need? If you are not a shopper, money is always welcome. Items may be placed in a labeled basket in the *Donation Corner*; they are taken to Sacred Heart weekly. Both Karen Scott and Joyce Degan volunteer there and are available for any questions.

Refugee Backpacks Available

If you would like to fill a backpack for refugees, please contact Bill Palmer; he has some extra backpacks that he will give you without charge.



The El Salvador Delegation (pictured here, Maureen Ryan, Chris Nilson, and Rosie Ramsey, staff member of Voices on the Border) met with Oscar Luna, the National Government’s Ombudsman for Human Rights

El Salvador Delegation

Why did we travel to El Salvador? What did we learn? We brought back many photos, memories and ideas to share with you, especially since you, the *Stone* congregation, so generously gave \$2,195 in cash, plus four laptop computers, children’s toys, school supplies, work supplies, and books! We have photos of the cook stoves you helped build, the large truck you helped purchase, and the school you continuously help to support. Now, villagers can cook with little smoke, protecting their children against asthma. Sugar cane, corn, and livestock can be taken to market. And children can attend schools equipped with excellent teachers and materials.

On Sunday, April 20, at 11:15 am, the delegation will present a trip report. Then on Sunday, April 27, at 5 pm, South Bay Sanctuary Covenant (SBSC) invites you to *Growing Bonds of Friendship and Solidarity*, in Palo Alto. Look for more about this event, which will include a delicious Salvadoran *pupusa* dinner. -Carrie Giorgianni, *Stone Works* Moderator

The El Salvador Delegation, which included Stone members Chris Nilson, Dale Bracey, Maureen Ryan, Suzanne Wolf, and former member, Linda Buckley.



April showers bring May flowers ... may be true in many places but not here. We are already enjoying the bountiful flowers and green-

News from PW



ing trees with which we are blessed. Of course, we continue to welcome the rain.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of San Jose will hold its annual *Spiritual Nurture Retreat* on April 26. The theme is *Connections ... with*

our Spiritual Mothers. Led by the Rev. Evie Macway, it promises to be a restorative time for our lives of faith.

NetWorkers Mother's Day cards will again be available on the last three Sundays in April. Thousands of women and children have been protected from malaria thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians who have sent over 130,000 NetWorkers Mother's Day cards to loved ones (see page 8, also).

The Kitchen Kabinet has been hard at work. They wish us to know that all the manuals for our appliances can now be found in the bottom drawer of the cabinet next to the dishwasher.

Gifts of Women Sunday will be on May 4. It was postponed because most of our gifted women were on retreat in March. The Rev. Sharon Stanley will lead worship.

This month, the coupons we are targeting are Scott Tissue and Ziploc Bags. Look for the coupons on the clear wrapping of the Scott products. (Please look at the list on the PW bulletin board or take a list from the library cart found in the social hall each Sunday.)

Our circles welcome new members: we are called *circles* because there is always room to expand!

PW Schedule for April

Amethyst Circle, April 2, 1 pm, Church Library

Emerald Circle, April 3, 9:30 am, Rhonda Lakatos's home

Sapphire Circle, April 14, 7:30 pm, Sally Magee's home

Lunch Bunch, April 15, 11:30 am, Taiwan Restaurant, Lincoln Avenue

Fair Trade Coffee Sales (and other products), April 20, Coffee Time

Book Group I, April 7, 1 pm, Liz Shandera's home, reading *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

Book Group II, April 21, 2:30 pm, Nancy Weiss's home, reading *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Zafon

Focus Group, April 15, 9:30 am, Liz Shandera's home

Prayer Shawl Group (knitting and other handwork), April 24, 4 pm, Fireside Room. Janice Goertz emphasizes this activity is *not* gender-specific. Don't know how to knit? Come and learn from great teachers.

Alas, there is no **Bible Study** by the Rev. Marge in April and May. She *doubled up* and covered two lessons last month. Now, she can take a well-deserved vacation on the last Thursday of the month. - Catherine Amos

Men's Book Group Reads Lerner Book

The Men's Book Group selection for April is *The Left Hand of God* by Rabbi Michael Lerner. Of the book, Publisher's Weekly said, in part:

Rabbi Lerner addresses both the "intolerant and militaristic" tactics of the political right and the "visionless ... often spiritually empty" tenets of the political left with an even hand. His vision of a country devoid of poverty, homelessness, unemployment and uninsured citizens comes with an actual blueprint, in which Americans rededicate themselves to traditional values of love, kindness, respect and responsibility.

The discussion will be on April 21, beginning at 7:30 pm. Steve Buckley will be the host.

All men of the congregation are welcome.

-David McCreath



Guy Lohman took this picture of the Men's Flying Group. Left to right: Ira Lohman (Guy's 92-year-old father), Gabriel Faber, Art Holtz, Bill Ribble (pilot) and Bob Wagner (pilot)

On Sunday, March 9, members of Stone's Men's Flying Group enjoyed a perfect spring day for a local flying adventure. Departing from Reid-Hillview Airport in two private planes, they first flew south and west over the Santa Cruz mountains near Watsonville, then proceeded up the coast to Half Moon Bay. With no fog along the coast, the views of the green hills, white surf and sand, and bright yellow fields of mustard were spectacular from the air. After landing at Half Moon Bay airport, a short walk led to the Mezza Luna restaurant for lunch.

After lunch, it was a quick hop back over the Santa Cruz Mountains to San Carlos Airport, where they spent the rest

of the afternoon visiting the Hiller Aviation Museum in a hangar adjacent to the airport. The museum offered a fascinating look at the history of aircraft development, especially in the Bay Area, including early aircraft built by two 15-year-old twins, the dirigibles housed at Moffett Field, a piece of the Boeing Super-Sonic Transport prototype, several unusual helicopters developed by the Hiller Aircraft Company in Palo Alto, a spy plane called the Condor with a wing-span as long as the hangar, and the nose portion of a real Boeing 747, complete with a cockpit visit with its former captain.

The flight back to Reid-Hillview over the Bay Area capped a wonderful day of flying. Many thanks to the two pilots who made this possible: Bill Ribble and Bob Wagner. - Guy Lohman

Rhonda & Bill Lakatos Experience Perils & Frustrations of Greening

For the past month, Bill and I have been having two bathrooms remodeled. Because we've heard religious leaders tell that care of the planet, and the people, plants and animals that live on it, is a way to act out our faith, we wanted to go green with these bathrooms. Not as easy as we thought!

Online, and at several green home improvement centers, we found wonderful products to cover floors and vanity tops. We found very efficient, low-flow toilets, spicy new fluorescent lighting fixtures and paints with very low amounts of volatile organic compounds (VOC). The first problem we encountered was that the vanity top products, which included everything from bits of recycled aluminum to previously used glass and paper, were

mostly available only in very expensive sheets, much larger than we needed. They were produced far away which added shipping costs and trucking pollution. We had to acknowledge that we just couldn't choose them. As to lighting, one fixture that advertised that it could use CFLs actually couldn't, unless you wanted to see them below the fixture.

So, what did we end up with?

- ☛ Some cool linoleum flooring, which is not made using petroleum and is recyclable, should anyone ever need to replace it.
- ☛ Great toilets
- ☛ Good paint
- ☛ Standard tile that will be long lasting, at least (one aspect of eco-purchasing)

☛ Several handsome lighting fixtures

Interestingly, our painter asked why we wanted to use the paint without many VOCs. "Well," we said, "because we don't want to be emitting those compounds into the air, and because we care about workers and don't want you to be breathing bad things." He was taken aback. "No one ever said they cared about me before."

We know we'll enjoy our new bathrooms and feel grateful we had the means to do what we did. We look forward to more retail-friendly green products as time goes on. Now, I'll grab up my cloth shopping bags and head to the farmer's market to drown my sorrow in some organic, locally grown produce. - Rhonda Lakatos

Women's Retreat Both Spiritual and Spirited Stone's Website – NTBM!*

Sixty-two women gathered over the weekend of March 7 to 9, at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista, for the 20th annual Stone Church Women's Retreat. In the midst of lush green fields and gnarled and ancient oaks, the women renewed friendships, sang and talked, and listened to Lisa Fullam, Assistant Professor of Moral Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley.

Lisa guided the group to a greater understanding of Ignatian Spirituality, a spirituality based on the love of God, through explanation and the use of

meditations on scripture passages.

On Saturday night, the group proved once again that Stone women can laugh at themselves at the traditional *talent show*, with emcee Pauline Moore, dressed in black trousers, white shirt, red cummerbund, and black cape.

The retreat has been held for a number of years at St. Francis. The main house of the center was destroyed by a spectacular fire two years ago, and the Franciscans are using portable buildings for dining hall and offices. They plan to break ground on a new building in June. -Alice Thorn

Stone Church's well-designed website (stonechurch.org), lovingly maintained by Webmaster Rod Thorn, is an important part of our church's ministry, especially for those seeking a church home, but also for all church members.

Have you visited the website lately? Here is a summary of recent website news:

- ☛ Visits to the website continue to grow. In January, we had over 2700 visitors with over 4500 pages viewed. In February, we had over 2500 visitors with almost 4000 pages viewed. A year ago seeing 70 visits per day was unusual; now over 100 visits per day is quite common.
- ☛ *Selected Sermons* is a new area with links to some of the sermons preached at Stone. The newest addition is Rev. Dr. Ken Henry's sermon, *Can Too Much Religion Get You Killed?*, delivered Feb 10, 2008.
- ☛ *A Page for Families* is a new area summarizing all the ways Stone works to make family members feel welcome and involved in our community life.

Be sure to check out these and other website attractions. And the next time you see Rod Thorn, thank him profusely for his devotion to this very valuable resource to our church. (*not to be missed!)



GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

To help us all get to know our newest members, we asked them to tell us a little about themselves and how they got to Stone Church. The Stone News, May Edition, will include even more of these introductions.

Aby Ryan: I was born in Michigan, but grew up at the San Jose Swim & Racquet Club playing tennis with my parents, Mike and Nancy Brayton. Tennis became an obsession and eventually a career. I was blessed to travel the world, receive a college scholarship, and have a professional life as a player, teaching pro and coach at Santa Clara University for more than nine years.



The best part of it was meeting my husband, Mike Ryan, at the San Jose Swim & Racquet Club in 1995 while working as the tennis director.

In 2003, I retired (at age 34) from tennis to pursue a new life – I had no idea what I wanted to do. It was a courageous move, and it paid off.

In 2004, we were blessed with our daughter. We adopted her from a wonderful young woman at birth in Visalia, CA. She is the light of our lives.

The past four years, I have begun a career in non-profit management and have been blessed with meaningful work at the San Jose Conservation Corps & Charter School and the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative (BAWSI).

Currently, I am job searching while playing at home with my daughter and my two dogs.

Our family loves to play outside – tennis, golf, hiking, biking, swimming, running. We are avid sports fans, and attend many events in the bay area.

We are grateful to have found a spiritual home at Stone Church.

Nora Kelly: Born in frigid Minnesota, I moved with my parents to Southern California as a small child. I grew up in an LA suburb, during the hippie era. Granted, LA was not as *cutting edge* as living in SF, but I did manage to become a *Deadhead*, wear tie-dye and have all the requisite experiences of a youngster growing up in the late 60s/early 70s.



I was exposed to many different spiritual paths growing up, and as a young woman. My mother was Greek Orthodox, my father lapsed Catholic, my grandmother a Methodist. I attended temple with my Jewish best friend, tried to be a Hindu (when the Beatles were Hindu), married a Buddhist, experimented with Shamanism. (whew!)

I resisted Christianity. I had *way* too much exposure to evangelicals, who left a bad taste in my mouth.

A couple of years ago, my daughter and I happened to come to Stone to see her friend, Gordon. I met the Meachams. Something happened ... and to this day, I am not sure what, but my heart was opened ... along with my mind. Not long afterward, the father of my children died. The outpouring of love and support we received from Stone *sealed the deal*.

I've been attending regularly since (ok, more the Taize services, because I'm not a morning person) ... and now, I've taken the plunge.

I'm happy to be part of this family.

Don Skipwith: I grew up in Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania. After receiving my undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky, I served as a US Army Air Defense officer in El Paso, TX, and South Korea. I came to Silicon Valley in 1980 after getting my MBA from Penn State. Most of my professional life has been in sales for telecom electronics and technical services companies.



My wife, Martha Duke, and I met nine years ago on the youth soccer and baseball fields as a result of our sons Colin (sophomore at Pioneer HS) and Chris (sophomore at Branham HS) being on the same teams every season for two years. I also have two daughters – Ashley, who will receive her Masters from NYU in May, and Sarah, who will graduate from Pioneer and start Chico State in the fall.

Martha's and my first adventure was owning a Willow Glen restaurant – Siena Bistro – for 5 ½ years – giving it up Aug. 2007. Our second adventure – marriage – began Dec. 2002 at Fogarty's Winery with Stone's Rev. Art Mills officiating.

Martha and I enjoy traveling, food, wine, books, playing games and watching our kids play soccer, lacrosse and volleyball. We are interested in joining/beginning a Stone group that wants to play bridge while sharing wine, food and stories.

Kaye Moore: I was born in Illinois, but I grew up in Modesto, CA. My husband Matthias and I met at Chico State when we were both enrolled as undergraduates, and moved to San Jose in 2004 so I could pursue my Master's in Library and Information Science.



When we first moved here from

Chico, San Jose felt like an intimidating big city (and compared to Chico, it definitely was), but now we really love living here.

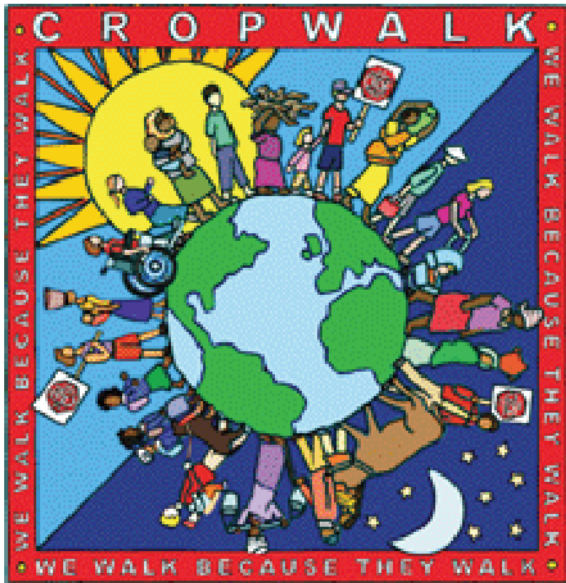
I am fortunate enough to have landed a full-time Librarian position at the Almaden Branch of the San Jose Public Library, a job that has exceeded my highest expectations. I find it fulfilling on many different levels, and I come home from work happy.

I started attending Stone Church

probably about six months ago, but I hadn't been here long before I knew that it was the place for me to be.

The wonderful and diverse library (along with Sue Williams always helping me to find unusual books) gave me my first inkling that it was the right church for me, but the friendly people and thinking theology sealed the deal.

I'm happy to be here at Stone Church.



CROP Walk for the Hungry on Sunday, April 27

Stone Church walkers are again invited to help end hunger at home and around the world! The South Bay CROP Walk (one of 1600 in the United States) is your chance to make a difference in the lives of hungry people. Second Harvest and Sacred Heart are two local organizations that benefit from your efforts.

Ask Lizanne Oliver or Emily Meacham for more information as you sign up to walk at the Stone Works table during Coffee Time. You can even raise funds online this year. Please join us on this lovely Rose Garden walk for such a good cause - no one should ever be hungry.

Send a Most Loving Mother's Day Card

In the time it takes to say the word, "Malaria," ten people, mostly children and pregnant women, will have contracted the disease and begun fighting for their lives. Malaria claims two million people each year. But the use of insecticide-treated



mosquito nets, along with malaria-prevention education, has significantly reduced these tragic statistics.

NetWorkers, a ministry of the PCUSA, is working to eradicate this insidious disease, and you can help this Mother's Day.

For a small \$10 donation, you can help to save lives, while receiving a beautiful card to send to your mother and loved ones. Visit the PW table at Coffee Time on April 13, 20 & 27.



Ann Pierce, Kathleen Oliver and Dulcie Janzen enjoy dinner and fellowship at the recent Stone Church Women's Retreat at the bucolic St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista.

To read more about the retreat, please see page 6.

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